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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application, filed October 7, 1999. We are also enclosing a copy of each of the following U.S. patents that are listed in form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent Nos. 1,884,089; 2,330,257; 2,391,343; 2,499,414; 3,706,311; 3,731,687; 3,749,094; 3,762,413; 3,815,601; 4,018,225; 4,200,101; 4,211,225; 4,212,301; 4,266,546; 4,475,911; 4,675,217; 5,476,455; 5,542,914; 5,566,435; 5,659,934; and 5,755,906.

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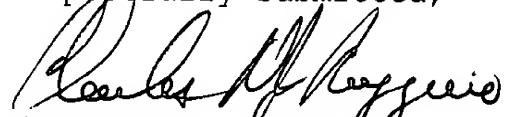
It is applicant's belief that none of the above patents describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the patents that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed patents and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, we believe, prior to the issuance of the first office action, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and
that this application be passed to allowance.

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